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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Harvard University, Environmental Science and Engineering, 2015
M.A. Harvard University, Earth and Planetary Sciences, 2013
B.A. Mount Holyoke College, Biology and Chemistry, *summa cum laude*, 2005

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Scientist, Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences, University of Colorado, and NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory, Global Monitoring Division, Boulder, CO, 2015-present

- Conduct research on atmospheric greenhouse gas measurements and modeling, with a focus on airborne observational platforms, in support of a long term North American monitoring program and for multiple campaign-level projects

Graduate Research Assistant, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2010-2015

- Used atmospheric measurements and a modeling framework to investigate urban greenhouse gas fluxes and trends

Intern, Environmental Protection Agency, Climate Change Division, Washington DC, 2015

- Led weekly reading group of recent scientific publications on methane emissions from oil and gas to improve internal familiarity with methods and results, and attended all meetings related to greenhouse gas emissions quantification and potential regulations

Research and Development, Feed Resource Recovery, Boston, MA, 2008-2009

- Start-up company focused on anaerobic digestion of supermarket food waste where I conducted technology and industry research, and helped to design and operate a pilot-scale system

Research Assistant, Harvard Forest, Petersham, MA, 2005-2008

- Oversaw the ecological research activities at the Harvard Forest Environmental Monitoring Site, including the collection, analysis, and archiving of multiple long-term datasets on forest carbon cycling

GRANTS AWARDED AND PENDING

Accelerometer-based turbulence profile sensors for low-cost determination of boundary layer height from small aircraft, CIRES Innovative Research Program, PI: K. McKain, 2019-2020

Toward disentangling causes for the substantial increase of CO₂ seasonal amplitude in the Arctic, NASA Terrestrial Ecology Program, PI: L. Hu, 2019-2022

Collaborative Research: Southern Ocean carbon gas observatory (SCARGO), NSF Office of Polar Programs, PI: B. Stephens, 2019-2021

Establishing WMO Traceability for XCO₂ from OCO-2 using AirCore and Aircraft vertical profiles, NASA Science Team for the OCO Missions, PI: B. Baier, 2018-2021

Airborne seasonal survey of CO₂ and CH₄ across the ABoVE domain, NASA Arctic-Boreal Vulnerability Experiment, PI: C. Sweeney, 2017-2019

Measurements of CH₄ and CO₂ on the Atmospheric Tomography Mission, NASA Earth Venture Suborbital sub-award, PI: C Sweeney, 2016-2020

NASA Earth and Space Science Graduate Fellowship, 2014 – 2015

FIELD CAMPAIGNS

- Arctic-Boreal Vulnerability Experiment (ABoVE), Airborne Seasonal Survey of CO₂ and CH₄, Scientific Aviation Mooney, Alaska, 2017.
- Atmospheric Tomography Mission (ATom), NASA DC8, 2016-2018
- Campaign to study methane emissions from the North Slope and Prudhoe Bay Oil Field, NOAA Twin Otter, Deadhorse, Alaska, 2016
- O₂/N₂ Ratio and CO₂ Airborne Southern Ocean (ORCAS) Study, NSF Gulfstream-V, Punta Arenas, Chile, 2016
- Study of Emissions and Atmospheric Composition, Clouds and Climate Coupling by Regional Surveys (SEAC⁴RS), NASA ER2, 2013

PUBLICATIONS

- Wolfe G, Nicely J, St. Clair J, Hanisco T, Liao J, Oman L, Brune W, Miller D, Thames A, Abad G, Ryerson T, Thompson C, Peischl J, **McKain K**, Sweeney C, Wennberg P, Kim J, Crounse J, Hall S, Ullmann K, Diskin G, Bui P, Chang C, Dean-Day J (2019) Mapping hydroxyl variability throughout the global remote troposphere via synthesis of airborne and satellite formaldehyde observations, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, doi: 10.1073/pnas.1821661116.
- Hu L, Andrews A, Thoning K, Sweeney C, Miller JB, Michalak A, Dlugokencky E, Tans P, Shiga Y, Mountain M, Nehrkorn T, Montzka S, **McKain K**, Kofler J, Trudeau M, Michel S, Biraud SC, Fischer ML, Worthy DEJ, Vaughn BH, White JWC, Yadav V, Basu S, van der Velde ER (2019) Enhanced North American carbon uptake associated with El Niño, *Science Advances*, 5 (6), doi: 10.1126/sciadv.aaw0076.
- Lan X, Tans P, Sweeney C, Andrews A, Dlugokencky E, Schwietzke S, Kofler J, **McKain K**, Thoning K, Crotwell M, Montzka S, Miller BR, Biraud SC (2019) Long-term measurements show little evidence for large increases in total US methane emissions over the past decade, *Geophysical Research Letters*, 46 (9) 4991-4999, doi: 10.1029/2018GL081731.
- Turnbull, JC, Karion A, Davis KJ, Lauvaux T, Miles NL, Richardson SJ, Sweeney C, **McKain K**, Lehman SJ, Gurney KR, Patarasuk R, Liang JM, Shepson PB, Heimbürger A, Harvey R, Whetstone J (2019) Synthesis of Urban CO₂ Emission estimates from multiple methods from the Indianapolis Flux Project (INFLUX), *Environmental Science and Technology*, 53 (1): 287-295, doi: 10.1021/acs.est.8b05552.
- Sargent M, Barrera Y, Nehrkorn T, Hutrya LR, Gately CK, Jones T, **McKain K**, Sweeney C, Hegarty J, Hardiman B, Wofsy SC (2018) Anthropogenic and biogenic CO₂ fluxes in the Boston urban region, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 115 (29): 7491-7496, doi: 10.1073/pnas.1803715115.
- Miles NL, Martins DK, Richardson SJ, Rella CW, Arata C, Lauvaux T, Davis KJ, Barkley ZR, **McKain K**, Sweeney C (2018) Calibration and field testing of cavity ring-down laser spectrometers measuring CH₄, CO₂, and $\delta_{13}\text{CH}_4$ deployed on towers in the Marcellus Shale region, *Atmospheric Measurement Techniques* 11 (3): 1273-1295, doi: 10.5194/amt-11-1273-2018.
- Stephens BB, Long MC, Keeling RF, Kort EA, Sweeney C, Apel EC, Atlas EL, Beaton S, Bent JD, Blake NJ, Bresch JF, Casey J, Daube BC, Diao M, Diaz E, Dierssen H, Donets V, Gao BC, Fierach M, Green R, Haag J, Hayman M, Hills AJ, Hoecher-Martinez MS, Honomichi SB, Hornbrook RS, Jensen JB, Li RR, McCubbin I, **McKain K**, Morgan EJ, Nolte S, Powers JG, Rainwater B, Randolph K, Reeves M, Schauffler SM, Smith K, Smith M, Stith J, Stossmeister G, Toohey DW, Watt AS (2018) The O₂/N₂ Ratio and CO₂ Airborne Southern Ocean Study, *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society* 99 (2): 381-402, doi: 10.1175/BAMS-D-16-0206.1.
- Richardson SJ, Miles NL, Davis KJ, Lauvaux T, Martins DK, Turnbull JC, **McKain K**, Sweeney C, Cambaliza MOL (2017) Tower measurements of in-situ CO₂, CH₄, and CO in support of the Indianapolis flux (INFLUX) experiment, *Elementa* 5: 59, doi: 10.1525/elementa.140.
- Sweeney C, Dlugokencky E, Miller CE, Wofsy S, Karion A, Dinardo S, Chang RYW, Miller JB, Bruhwiler L, Crotwell AM, Newberger T, **McKain K**, Stone RS, Wolter SE, Lang PE, Tans P

(2016) No significant increase in long-term CH₄ emissions on North Slope of Alaska despite significant increase in air temperature, *Geophysical Research Letters*, 43 (12): 6604-6611, doi: 0.1002/2016GL069292.

McKain K (2015) Atmospheric observations and models of greenhouse gas emissions in urban environments, Ph.D. Dissertation, Harvard University.

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Nehrkorn T, Henderson M, Leidner M, Mountain M, Eluszkiewicz J, **McKain K**, Wofsy S (2013) WRF simulations of the urban circulation in the Salt Lake City area for CO₂ modeling, *Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology*, 52: 323-340, <http://journals.ametsoc.org/doi/abs/10.1175/JAMC-D-12-061.1>.

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McKain K (2005) Methods for measuring carbon accumulation in tree biomass in Northeastern forests, Undergraduate Thesis, Mount Holyoke College.

DATASETS PUBLISHED

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Sweeney C, McKain, K, Newberger T (2017) ORCAS Picarro Data. Version 1.1. UCAR/NCAR - Earth Observing Laboratory. <https://doi.org/10.5065/D69W0CWW>.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Southern Ocean CO₂ fluxes and seasonality from atmospheric vertical gradients observed on multiple airborne campaigns, oral presentation, American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, January 2018.

Adaptation of a Picarro greenhouse gas analyzer for airborne measurements with expanded altitude range and performance on large-scale aircraft campaigns, oral presentation, 19th WMO/IAEA Meeting on Carbon Dioxide, Other Greenhouse Gases, and Related Measurement Techniques (GGMT-2017), Dubendorf, Switzerland, August 2017.

An Atmospheric Measurement Network and Modeling Framework to Quantify Methane Emissions from Natural Gas Losses in the Boston Urban Region, MIT, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Environmental Sciences Seminar Series, April 2015.

An Atmosphere-based Method for Detection and Quantification of Methane Emissions from Natural Gas Infrastructure in an Urban Environment, invited oral presentation, AGU Fall Meeting, December 2015.

Characterization of urban methane emissions in Boston, Massachusetts using an observational network and inverse modeling framework, oral presentation, AGU Fall Meeting, December 2012.

SERVICE

Peer-Reviewer: Geophysical Research Letters, Journal of Geophysical Research – Atmospheres, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics, Atmospheric Measurement Techniques, Atmospheric Environment, Elementa, Urban Ecosystems, Carbon Management

NOAA Global Monitoring Division Seminar Series Co-organizer, 2019

Reviewer for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) proposals, 2016-2017

Reviewer for NOAA Atmospheric Chemistry, Carbon Cycle and Climate (AC4) proposal, 2015

OUTREACH

To improve understanding and encourage discourse about our results on methane emissions in Boston, I made public presentations and participated in meetings at: National Grid (Nov 2013), Boston City Hall (Jan 2015), the Environmental Defense Fund (Jan, Feb 2015), a Department of Energy project workshop (Feb 2015), the Boston Bar Association (May 2015), New England Conference of Public Utility Commissioners (June 2015), a Harvard Law School seminar on oil and gas law (Nov 2015), and submitted testimony to the Massachusetts State Legislature (Nov 2015).

TEACHING

Head Teaching Fellow “The Fluid Earth”, an undergraduate introductory course on the atmosphere, oceans, and climate system, Harvard College, Spring 2012

Supervised multiple undergraduate thesis projects, 2005-2008, 2011